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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It has been brought to my attention that a key justification being proposed for eliminating access to critical unbundled network elements accessed by local Internet Service Providers is that there is effectively no current competition in the residential market.

Nothing could be further from the truth!

The fact is that every advancement or improvement in ISP service now enjoyed in my residential area of San Francisco has been brought about by ISPs who are currently able to access critical UNEs. They are the ones driving innovation and keeping consumer costs down. They have been so successful at this, the companies represented by USTelecom are now resorting to making false justification statements in their proposal aimed at using the US Government to eliminate their competition for them. They are lying in an attempt to use back door regulatory processes to kill competition, rather than compete in an open marketplace. Why? Because using this route is simply cheaper for them rather than fighting it out in the marketplace vs. smaller, faster moving ISPs.

Please do NOT eliminate small ISP UNE access! The future of innovation and FCC integrity is at stake here.

Thank You.

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